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Information request

"Thank you for taking the trouble to write to me. I am somewhat puzzled. I understand that the Winter Fuel Allowance is under review for the year 2013/2014 and the government is making a decision about it now. That was my reason for writing.

I would also like under the Freedom of Information Act to obtain the anticipated cost of means testing this benefit for all pensioners."

DWP response

The information you have requested is not available.

The Government currently has no plans to reform universal benefits for older people; this includes the Winter Fuel Payment. As stated in our earlier letter, the Government has committed to protecting key support for older people in recognition of the fact that many have worked hard and saved all their lives